

TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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Selectboard:
Eric Best
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Select Board Meeting
Minutes
October 30, 2023
5:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm by Joe Lunt, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion passed**

- I. Approval of Minutes from 09/30/23 – Eric Best motions to approve minutes as written, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion passed**
- II. Old Business
 - a. Town Buildings/MAC Update – Discussion of first MAC reorganized meeting. Discussion of potential fifth candidate, motion to appoint Sarah Coburn by Eric Best, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion passed**
 - b. 2021 Audit Status – Audit is now done, copies on the way. Town will begin work on submitting 2022 materials which Daniel Swain has said are already organized and ready to go.
 - c. Ferry Service Issues – Jan Keiper presents information on what happened with last minute changes to the ferry schedule to make Wednesday and Thursday times worse after the Select Board had supported a better schedule at the last Select Board meeting. Potential for changes back after the winter schedule, town will push for change to fix lost time on Wednesdays and earlier boat on Thursdays.
 - d. Head of Harbor Engineering Study Update – Dan DeBord presents update, discussing with Wright-Pierce staff to come up with final scope of work and contract, and to schedule their field work trip out. Discussion of appointment of Dakota Dunphy as MAC representative and Joe Lunt as SB respective board point persons to be looped in on future related calls. Eric Best motions to make these appointments, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion passed**
 - e. Planning Board Update – Following their first reorganized meeting, Planning Board chair Kirk Emerson has requested the Select Board approve 3 resolutions (see the attached memo at end of minutes). Eric Best motions to support the first, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion passed.** Joe Lunt motions to approve the second resolution, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion passed.** Discussion of the necessity of pursuing the third resolution at this



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point given resource constraints and potential lack of need. Eric Best motions to hold off on approval of the third resolution for now, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion passed**

- f. Solid Waste Scheduling – Dan DeBord and Sarah Saxby will work together as office staff to coordinate future trash pickup runs given recent difficulties with timing them.
- g. Broadband Update – Dan DeBord provides update that TDS has accepted funds from the FCC to upgrade underserved areas (including Frenchboro) statewide to fiber, they are supposed to be done with 50% of their areas by 2026 and 100% by 2028.
- h. Any Other Old Business - None

III. New Business

- a. State Leash Law/Loose Dog Discussion – Discussion of recent issues with loose dogs/inappropriate dog behavior situation recently on island. Joe Lunt motions to make public signage reminding the community of state leash law standards, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion passed**
- b. Select Board Remote Meeting Participation Policy Formal Adoption – Eric Best motions to adopt remote meeting policy, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion passed**
- c. Any Other New Business – None

IV. Warrants – Joe Lunt motions to approve the warrant as written, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion passed**

V. Mail

VI. Set Next Meeting – Next meeting set for 11/6 to review plow contract bids.

Joe Lunt motions to close the meeting at 7:00pm, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion passed**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Frenchboro Select Board
FROM: Kirk Emerson, Chair Frenchboro Planning Board
RE: Requests for Action
DATE: October 28, 2023

The Frenchboro Planning Board met on October 14th and moved unanimously to make three requests of the Select Board. On behalf of the Planning Board, I present the following requests for consideration at the upcoming Select Board meeting on October 30, 2023. Eric Best and Joe Lunt, both members of the Planning Board, can speak to these requests at the meeting in my absence.

First, in order to comply with state requirements for re-establishing a local planning board, we ask the Select Board to propose ordinance language at the 2024 annual town meeting per the Maine Municipal Association sample language (attached).

Second, consistent with the town's intention to reinstate the Frenchboro Planning Board by electing board members at the 2023 annual town meeting, the Planning Board unanimously agreed to resume issuing building, zoning, and land use permits on January 1, 2024 based on existing ordinances and the current comprehensive plan, using previously adopted permit application forms and fees. Actions taken by property owners prior to January 1, 2024 will be considered exempt from local permit requirements. As the Planning Board revises local ordinances, plans and forms with public input and engagement and formal town approvals, current outdated instruments will be replaced. To underscore this new development in town oversight and accountability, we ask that the Select Board endorse this Planning Board decision through an official public statement of support, which then will be posted and circulated to the community with clarifying information from the Planning Board.

Third, there is a need to update the Frenchboro Comprehensive Plan, which must be overseen by a Comprehensive Plan Committee. We request that the Select Board notify the community and solicit expressions of interest in participating on this committee. Kirk Emerson, the Planning Board Chair, has volunteered to serve on the committee; it makes sense to encourage representation from the Municipal Advisory Committee and other local committees in addition to other residents as well.

